

## **Senate Bill No. 982**

### **CHAPTER 586**

An act to add Section 4474.12 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 982, McGuire. State Department of Developmental Services: developmental centers.

Existing law vests in the State Department of Developmental Services jurisdiction over state hospitals referred to as developmental centers for the provision of residential care to individuals with developmental disabilities, including the Sonoma Developmental Center, the Fairview Developmental Center, and the Porterville Developmental Center, as specified. Existing law requires the department to comply with procedural requirements when closing a developmental center. Existing law required, on or before October 1, 2015, the State Department of Developmental Services to submit to the Legislature a plan or plans to close one or more developmental centers.

This bill would require the department to seek to modify the contract in existence on January 1, 2017, for the conduct of a movers longitudinal study to include specified requirements, including, among others, a requirement that at least 250 individuals who meet certain criteria participate in the study. The bill would require the department to annually submit interim reports to the Legislature regarding the study. The bill would require, upon the completion of the study, the department to submit the study to the Legislature, as specified.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure the appropriate transition of consumers currently living in developmental centers from those centers to community living arrangements as a result of the closure of the Sonoma Developmental Center, the Fairview Developmental Center, and the general treatment area of the Porterville Developmental Center. It is the further intent of the Legislature to measure the unique needs of people transitioning from developmental centers, including providing information about the quality of life, satisfaction with services, the degree to which the individuals achieve their goals, and other measures as determined by the department.

SEC. 2. Section 4474.12 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, immediately following Section 4474.11, to read:

4474.12. (a) The department shall seek to modify the contract in existence on January 1, 2017, for the conduct of a movers longitudinal study to include all of the following:

(1) A requirement that at least 250 individuals who meet the following criteria participate in the study:

(A) Volunteered to participate in the study.

(B) Proportionately selected from among individuals who have moved into the community from Sonoma Developmental Center, Fairview Developmental Center, or Porterville Developmental Center.

(C) Proportionately selected from among individuals who have moved into the community at different stages of the closure process.

(2) A requirement that the study follow a sample of individuals described in paragraph (1) for a two-year period after the individual moves into the community from the developmental center.

(3) A requirement that the study include individuals who move into the community from a developmental center during the first year of the study, and during each subsequent year of the study, until the developmental centers identified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) close.

(4) A requirement that researchers conducting the study meet with each individual participating in the study at intervals of three months, six months, one year, and two years following the person's move into the community from the developmental center to discuss the individual's quality of life and services and supports.

(b) The movers longitudinal study described in this section is one element of the quality assurance instrument required pursuant to Section 4571.

(c) (1) For purposes of conducting the study, the department shall maintain and update the addresses of, and contact information for, former residents of the centers who relocated as a result of the closure of the centers.

(2) The department shall ensure, to the extent permitted by law, that researchers conducting the study have access to data and other information necessary to conduct the study, including the addresses of, and contact information for, former residents of the centers who relocated due to the closure of the centers.

(d) The department shall annually submit interim reports to the Legislature regarding the study in accordance with the requirements of Section 9795 of the Government Code. The reports shall include information about consumer and family satisfaction and adequacy of community services. Upon the completion of the study as described in subdivision (a), the department shall submit the study to the Legislature, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9795 of the Government Code.